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DEPARTMENT OF HOME
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NOTIFICATION

The 24th January, 2025

No. HOME-12023/3/2025.—In partial modification of the Notification No. JHQ/JM-01/2016 dated 13th October, 2017 and Notification No. JHQ-23016/1/2022-DPCA dated 14th June, 2023, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to further amend the Arunachal Pradesh Prison Manual, 2017 in compliance of the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 3rd October, 2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1404 of 2023 titled Sukanya Shantha -vs- Union of India and others and MHA'S letter No. V-17014/1/2024-PR dated 30th December, 2024.

- Short title and commencement :** (i) This Manual may be called Arunachal Pradesh Prison (Amendment) Manual, 2024.
(ii) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Arunachal Pradesh State Gazette.
- In the Arunachal Pradesh Prison Manual, 2017, the definition of words '**Habitual Offender**' at Point No. 13 of Chapter - I titled '**DEFINITIONS**' at Page No. 21 shall be substituted by the following definition:

"Habitual Offender

Habitual Offender means a person who during any continuous period of five years, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment on more than two occasions on account of any one or more of the offenses committed on different occasions and not constituting parts of same transaction, such sentence not having been reversed in appeal or review.

Provided that in computing the continuous period of five years referred to above, any period spent in jail either under sentence of imprisonment or under detention shall not be taken into account".

- In Chapter - V titled '**CUSTODIAL MANAGEMENT**' of the Arunachal Pradesh Prison Manual, 2017 the following points shall be inserted after Point No. 5.67:

"Prohibition of caste-based discrimination in Prisons and Correctional Institutions.

- 5.68. It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination/classification/segregation of prisoners on the basis of their caste.
- 5.69. It shall be strictly ensured that there is no discrimination of prisoners in allotment of any duty/work in prisons on the basis of their caste.
- 5.70. The provisions of 'The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013' shall have a binding effect even in Prisons and Correctional Institutions. Manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank inside a prison shall not be permitted".

Kaling Tayeng, IAS
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